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TO : Chief, SE
Attn: []

FROM : []

SUBJECT: GENERAL— BGFIEND/PARAM/ PSYCH/INTEL

SPECIFIC— BGFIEND Monthly Survey Report, 15 July - 14 August 1953

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1. Personnel

No change in personnel, but within the office [] has been transferred to the Operations Section where he is currently working under [] Hitherto [] has been handling reports and a variety of support and administrative duties for BGFIEND, including overall responsibility for OBATLANTIS construction. A change in assignment is the result of completion of the construction phase of OBATLANTIS, impending home leave and reassignment for several members of the operational staff, and a desire on [] part to transfer to operations.

2. Air Operations

a. A leaflet raid was carried out on the night of 15/16 July. 500,000 copies of the Balkan Pact Leaflet were dropped with 100,000 copies of recent issues of the miniature edition of QKPALING.

b. A resupply mission was flown to Apple/2 on the night of July 22/23 at I-1531. Five bundles were dropped, but Apple/2 reported locating only three.

3. Operations

a. Apple Tree/2

(1) The following contacts were made with Apple/2 during this report period:

<u>Contact</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Document number</u>
156	20 July	SGAA-5192; [] 4273
157	21 July	SGAA-5192; [] 4273
158	22 July	SGAA-5192; [] 4273
159	22 July	SGAA-5192; [] 4273
160	26 July	SGAA-5377; [] 4352
161	13 August	SGAA-5742; [] 495

(2) The traffic was

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(2) The traffic was exclusively devoted to the resupply drop with exception of the last message which reported the arms received on the night of the 22/23 had been distributed and that the friends were asking the whereabouts of the team leader. [408 (10 August 1953) also reports on the W/T link with Apple/2.

(3) We are continuing to handle this team as probably controlled. Plans to exfiltrate RNCERTAIN did not become final during the month. [has become disturbed that the pattern of regular W/T contacts has been broken and is positive that AIROMETER's absence is being keenly felt.

b. Apple Tree/3

No definite word has been received on the fate of the team, but we are actively following up leads which have come to our attention, including reports brought out by Willow.

c. Orange Team

No word has been received on this team.

d. Plum Team

Nothing further has been heard of AICHIP.

e. Willow exfiltrated on July 26 after spending three weeks in Albania on their first 1953 operation. The team turned in a satisfactory performance within the limits of their mission and capabilities. A complete report on this operation was pouched to Headquarters in SGAA-5418, KAPOK-1854, 7 August 1953.

f. Throttler was brought in for refresher training and briefing during the period under review and was infiltrated on August 8/9. This year BGFIEND, as a result of a drive for quality performance in its operations, is mounting this team with the objective in mind of definitely determining if further use of the two agents as a team on this assignment is warranted. To date their accomplishments have not been what had been hoped for and we are convinced we must consider continued utilization on the basis of results.

g. Preparation for the first Fig operation began immediately after Willow exfiltration and the team was sent North on August 12th.

h. Observant

Gadunce continues his interrogation activities. We believe his position with the Greeks in [is much more secure now that he is working under

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Gaccent continues to report on activities at Lavrion.

4. OBATLANTIS

In the previous report it was stated the asset would no longer be discussed in the BGFIEND monthly reports. However, to keep you informed on the OBATLANTIS site, we will report developments of interest. During the month, [] together with [] and [] continued to devote all their efforts to getting the site in first rate condition so that trainees could move in at a moments notice, if the need arose. On several occasions the group was hindered in reaching and/or leaving OBATLANTIS by very strong winds in the Gulf of Corinth. Nonetheless, considerable progress has gradually been made in getting the site in proper running order. For a complete survey please refer to [] lengthy report which was forwarded in SGAA-5856, KAPOK-1930 (1 September 1953). For your information, earthquake tremors were felt at OBATLANTIS in mid-August but no damage was done. The W/T link was activated on July 15th with AIDEFT as operator.

5. []

During the month, [] established himself well at [] He has participated in several interrogations and gave considerable help to the operations personnel who were in [] at the time Throttler was infiltrated. [] and [] visited the [] in late July and satisfactory arrangement for interrogations of refugees were completed. Arrival of the vehicle assigned to [] has been a great help.

6. Psych activities

A report on HTGRUBBY was sent previously by [] with the regular [] report, but commencing with this report BGFIEND will add any additional comment that we believe might be of interest on Psych activities in general. During the month primarily because of internal developments in the U.S.S.R. and the orbit BGFIEND has proposed an increase in our P/W activities which was reported in [] 4245. We are particularly interested in resumption of article drops, the defection appeal, and the news bulletin.

7. Action Outstanding - Washington

- a. Provision of lek.
- b. Provision of interrogation aids. Please follow-up on this as stated in SGAW-2604.
- c. Answer to SGAA-5036, 14 July 1953. *RYBAT*
- d. Answer to SGAA-5362, 4 August 1953. *SE/CAL - deferred - KROK*
- e. Provision of operational

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e. Provision of operational clearances requested in the following dispatch:

(1) SGAA-3594, 20 April 1953, Haxhi Kalbi.

f. Arrangements with Javelin on increased overflights (SGAA-5139, 21 July 1953).

Washington's processing of clearances and reduction of the backlog has been greatly appreciated.

8. Action Outstanding - Field

- a. Infiltration of Fig.
- b. Possible reinfiltration Willow dependent upon progress of Fig Team.
- c. Review all present BGFIEND operations and agent personnel to eliminate unprofitable agents and operations.
- d. Preparation of an operation against Albanian maritime personnel.
- e. Exfiltration Apple to determine present status RNCASTING net. In future reports, comments on Plum, Orange and Apple/3 will not be made unless we have specific developments to report.

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